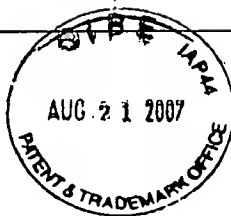


FORM PTO-1449 (modified)
To: U.S. Department of Commerce
(PW FORM PAT-1449)
Patent and Trademark Office



Atty. Dkt. No.	M#	Client Ref.
081468	0309173	P-1583.010-US
Applicant: DE SMIT et al.		
Appln. No. 10/820,227		
Filing Date: April 8, 2004		
Examiner: Alan A. Mathews		Group Art Unit: 2851

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
BY APPLICANT**

Date: August 21, 2007 Page 1 of 1

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner's Initials*	Document Number	Date MM/YYYY	Name (Family Name of First Inventor)	Class	Sub Class	Filing Date (if appropriate)
	AR					
	BR					
	CR					
	DR					
	ER					
	FR					
	GR					
	HR					
	IR					
	JR					
	KR					
	LR					
	MR					

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

	Document Number	Date MM/YYYY	Country	Inventor Name	English Abstract		Translation Readily Available	
					Enclosed	No	Enclosed	No
/AM/	NR JP 2004-207696	07/2004	Japan	MIZUTANI et al.	X			
	OR JP 2001-175005	06/2001	Japan	LASSILA et al.	X		X	
	PR JP 2001-121063	05/2001	Japan	MATSUYAMA	X			
	QR JP 2002-236111	08/2002	Japan	NISHIKAWA	X		X	
	RR JP 11-290752	10/1999	Japan	OKUNO et al.	X			
	SR JP 06-262005	09/1994	Japan	IMAI et al.	X		X	
	TR JP 06-254304	09/1994	Japan	ODA al.	X			
/AM/	UR JP 04-190873	07/1992	Japan	SHIRAISHI	X			
	VR							
	WR							
	XR							

OTHER (Including in this order: Author, Title, Periodical Name, Date, Pertinent Pages, etc.)

/AM/	YR	Japanese Official Action issued for Japanese Patent Application No. 2004-172029, dated June 25, 2007.				
	ZR					
	AAF					

Examiner /Alan Mathews/ Date Considered: 10/04/2007

*EXAMINER: Initial if citation considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP § 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to Applicant.